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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 VERONIKA KIM CARDENAS,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CROWLEY MARITIME  
CORPORATION, et al.,

14 Defendants.  
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CASE NO. C18-0782JLR

ORDER GRANTING IN PART  
AND DENYING IN PART  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A  
CONTINUANCE OF  
DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT

16 This matter comes before the court upon Plaintiff Veronika Kim Cardenas's  
17 motion for a Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(d) continuance of Defendants Intrepid  
18 Personnel & Provisioning, Inc., American Petroleum Tanks, LLC, Intrepid Ship  
19 Management, Inc., and Crowley Maritime Corporation's (collectively, "Defendants")  
20 motion for summary judgment. (MET (Dkt. # 23); *see also* MSJ (Dkt. # 20).) The court  
21 has reviewed the motion, Defendants' response (Resp. (Dkt. #29)), the relevant portions  
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1 of the record, and the applicable law. Being fully advised,<sup>1</sup> the court GRANTS in part  
2 and DENIES in part Ms. Cardenas's motion.

3 Ms. Cardenas filed her suit on May 29, 2018 (Compl. (Dkt. # 1)), and on August  
4 1, 2018, the court set a trial date of November 11, 2019 (Sched. Order (Dkt. # 19)).  
5 Discovery closes on July 22, 2019, and the cut-off for dispositive motions is August 20,  
6 2019. (*See id.* at 1.)

7 On February 26, 2019, Defendants filed an early motion for summary judgment.  
8 (*See* MSJ.) On March 7, 2019, Ms. Cardenas filed the present motion. (*See* MET.)  
9 Pursuant to Rule 56(d), Ms. Cardenas asks for a continuance of the deadline for her  
10 response to Defendants' motion for summary judgment "up to and including the  
11 scheduled discovery cutoff of July 22, 2019." (*See id.* at 1); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P.  
12 56(d).

13 Rule 56(d) provides, in pertinent part, that if a party shows that "for specified  
14 reasons, it cannot present facts essential to justify its opposition," the court may "defer  
15 considering the motion" and "allow time to . . . take discovery." *See* Fed. R. Civ. P.  
16 56(d)(1), (2). Ms. Cardenas identifies five areas of discovery that she needs from  
17 Defendants to respond effectively to Defendants' motion. (*See* MET at 2.) To obtain this  
18 discovery, she proposes (1) taking a Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) deposition  
19 on April 12, 2019, (2) issuing interrogatories, document requests, and requests for  
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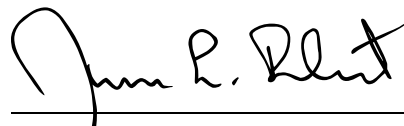
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21 <sup>1</sup> No party has asked for oral argument (*see* MET at 1; Resp. at 1), and the court does not  
22 consider oral argument to be helpful to its disposition of this motion, *see* Local Rules W.D.  
Wash. LCR 7(b)(4).

1 admission, and (3) taking the deposition of a claims adjuster. (*Id.* at 4.) Ms. Cardenas'  
2 showing satisfies the requirements of Rule 56(d), and accordingly the court will grant her  
3 an extension of time to respond to Defendants' motion for summary judgment. However,  
4 Ms. Cardenas does not need until the July 22, 2019, discovery cutoff to complete the  
5 discovery she proposes in her motion. Accordingly, the court grants her two additional  
6 months to complete her discovery and file her response to Defendants' motion for  
7 summary judgment.

8 Based on the foregoing, the court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part Ms.  
9 Cardenas's motion (Dkt. # 23). The court DIRECTS the Clerk to renote Defendants'  
10 Motion for Summary Judgment (Dkt. # 20) to Friday, May 17, 2019. Ms. Cardenas'  
11 response to that motion is now due on or before Monday, May 13, 2019. The court  
12 ORDERS the parties to cooperate in completing the discovery listed above regarding the  
13 pending issues.

14 Dated this 13th day of March, 2019.

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17 JAMES L. ROBART  
18 United States District Judge  
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